GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4731
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RECRUITMENT OF WOMEN IN POLICE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to recruit more women in Police;

(b) if so, whether any concrete proposals in this regard have been worked out and a special drive is proposed to be launched to recruit more women in Police;

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued to the State Governments in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government are also considering the proposal in favour of doing away with the separate cadres for women police;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the extent to which the Government propose to give 33% representation to women in police?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a) to (g): As per entry 2 in the State list under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, `Police` is a State subject. Recruitment and Reservation in Police is therefore, the prerogative of the concerned States. There is no proposal with the Central Government to launch any drive for recruitment of more women in the Police. `Police` being a State subject, the question of having or doing away with a separate cadre for women police by the Central Government does not arise. However, the Ministry of Home Affairs have advised the State Governments to encourage recruitment of more women in police.